

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 13, 2004

SENATE BILL

No. 1177

Introduced by Senator Scott

February 5, 2004

An act to amend Section 35294.21 of the Education Code, relating to school safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1177, as amended, Scott. School safety plans.

Existing law encourages a schoolsite council to consider including certain components in its school safety plan when it next reviews and updates its school safety plan. One of these components is the inclusion of a no guns allowed policy.

This bill would additionally encourage a schoolsite council to consider including, when it next reviews and updates its school safety plan, gun violence prevention in health education programs in ~~secondary schools~~ *high schools*.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 35294.21 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:
3 35294.21. (a) When a schoolsite council next reviews and
4 updates its school safety plan pursuant to Article 5 (commencing
5 with Section 32280) of Chapter 2.5 of Part 19 and to the extent it
6 implements its plan, the schoolsite council is encouraged to
7 recognize that there are these three essential components of a

1 successful comprehensive strategic action program for preventing
2 school violence, and it is further encouraged to consider
3 incorporating each of them into its plan:

- 4 (1) Assuring each pupil a safe physical environment.
- 5 (2) Assuring each pupil a safe, respectful, accepting, and
6 emotionally nurturing environment.
- 7 (3) Providing each pupil resiliency skills.

8 (b) To assure a safe physical environment, a schoolsite council
9 is encouraged to consider including in its school safety plan all of
10 the following:

- 11 (1) A no tolerance for violence policy and practice.
- 12 (2) An immediate effective response to violence plan and
13 implementation.
- 14 (3) A no guns allowed policy.
- 15 (4) The inclusion of gun violence prevention in health
16 education programs in ~~secondary schools~~ *high schools*.
- 17 (5) Disallow and discourage the possession of drugs.
- 18 (6) Provide for smaller schools.
- 19 (7) Ensure that all staff and pupils, including, but not limited to,
20 pupils with disabilities, know how to report incidents of violence,
21 discrimination, harassment, and abuse.

22 (c) To assure a safe, respectful, accepting, and emotionally
23 nurturing environment, a schoolsite council is encouraged to
24 consider incorporating strategies to achieve all of the following
25 goals:

- 26 (1) A school that welcomes the whole child.
- 27 (2) A nurturing classroom environment.
- 28 (3) A discipline policy that includes teaching respect and
29 constructive resolution of conflicts.
- 30 (4) A discipline policy that aims at restoration of mutual
31 respect, relationships, and a sense of community that seeks
32 reintegration of pupils who become alienated through conflict or
33 misbehavior.
- 34 (5) Administrators, teachers, and classified employees who are
35 prepared through preservice and inservice training to appreciate
36 their critical capacities for constructively engaging pupils.
- 37 (6) Professional education staff who are sensitive to the needs
38 of pupils of all races, genders, sexual orientations, ethnic and
39 cultural backgrounds, and pupils with disabilities.



1 (7) Parents who are invited and accepting to become
2 meaningfully involved.

3 (8) More emotional support service personnel, including
4 counselors.

5 (9) An adult coach for each pupil.

6 (10) No bullying.

7 (d) To provide each child resiliency skills, a schoolsite council
8 is encouraged to consider incorporating strategies that will provide
9 each pupil all of the following:

10 (1) Resiliency.

11 (2) Authentic self-esteem.

12 (3) Moral education.

13 (4) An environment free from harassment, discrimination, and
14 violence on any of the bases enumerated in the prohibition of
15 discrimination contained in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section
16 200) of Part 1.

17 (5) Anger management.

18 (6) Conflict resolution.

19 (7) Peer counseling.

20 (8) Peer mediation.

